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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO TERMINATE TWO AGREEMENTS FOR
RESPIRATORY CARE SERVICES WITH PRIMEDICA, INC.**
(1st and 2nd Districts) (3 Votes)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize and delegate authority to the Acting Director of Health Services, or his designee, to terminate for convenience the respiratory care services Agreement Nos. 75064 and 75259 between Primedica, Inc. (Primedica), a wholly owned subsidiary of Meridian Healthcare Group, Inc. and the County of Los Angeles (County).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

In approving the recommended action, the Board is authorizing the Acting Director of Health Services, or his designee, to terminate for convenience respiratory care services Agreement Nos. 75064 and 75259 with Primedica, effective May 5, 2006. The agreements specifically allow termination for convenience upon 30 days advance written notice.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

This action has minimal, if any, fiscal impact. Funds budgeted by the Department of Health Services' (DHS or Department) facilities for respiratory care services for Primedica will be shifted to hire County staff and to fund other respiratory care services providers, as necessary, to insure continuity of services.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

Under the current agreements, Primedica provides Respiratory care services to Martin Luther King, Jr./Charles R. Drew Medical Center patients (Contract No. 75064) and pediatric respiratory care services to LAC+USC Healthcare Network Women's and Children's Hospital patients (Contract No. 75259).

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The terms of the two agreements permit termination with 30 calendar days advance written notice.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

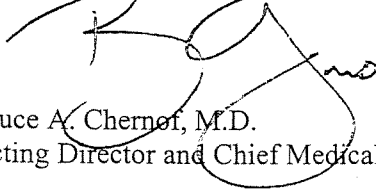
Not applicable to this action.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

The Department is in the process of hiring respiratory staff to meet the Department's service needs and will use the respiratory care registry contracts, as needed.

When approved, this Department requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce A. Chernof", is written over a circular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Bruce A. Chernof, M.D.
Acting Director and Chief Medical Officer

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Attachment (1)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

SUMMARY OF NOTICE OF TERMINATION

1. TYPE OF SERVICE:

Respiratory care services to Martin Luther King, Jr./Charles R. Drew Medical Center patients (Contract No. 75064) and pediatric respiratory care services to LAC+USC Healthcare Network Women's and Children's Hospital patients (Contract No. 75259).

2. CONTRACTOR ADDRESS AND CONTACT PERSON:

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Tallahassee, Florida 32312
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Telephone No.: (800) 359-5971 Fax No.: (443) 886-2358
Electronic mail (e-mail) Addresses: tomfutch@meridianhg.com
terrybydume@meridianhg.com

3. TERM:

The term for Contract No. 75064 was effective September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2009.
The term for Contract No. 75259 was effective May 1, 2005 through April 30, 2010.
Termination effective date as it relates to this action, based on 30 calendar days advance written notice, will be May 5, 2006.

4. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

This action has minimal, if any, fiscal impact. Funds budgeted by the Department of Health Services' (DHS or Department) facilities for respiratory care services for Primedica will be shifted to hire County staff and to fund other respiratory care services providers, as necessary, to insure continuity of services.

5. APPROVALS:

Administrative Systems:	Fred Leaf, Chief Deputy
Contracts and Grants Division:	Cara O'Neill, Chief
County Counsel (approval as to form):	Christina A. Salseda, Deputy County Counsel